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Please add $4 postage & insurance for one or two items/$6 for three or more. Mail to: IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118-8415.

GREETINGS!

President's Page

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed but we still have a number of members who received their last *Bugle* in February Ed has recently sent out letters in anticipation they will rejoin, and we hope to have better numbers to report in the June issue.

Speaking of anticipation, I can hardly wait for spring We've had more than our share of nasty, cold, wet weather this winter The poor daffodils are laying flat against the ground after the heavy rain and wind, and soggy puddles dot the back yard. For entertainment, I've been watching a particularly fat & sassy flicker dig for worms the last several mornings

And speaking of birds, after another 'round robin' letter among the board, we've decided to reserve space at the ANA meeting for the full week, from Aug. 16-20 in Rosemont IL. This location is very near O'Hare Airport VP Doug Jennings, and Trustees Patti Finner and Phyllis Clann can be on hand the entire run of the show, and others of us will be available for a day or two. We've requested a club meeting on Friday, Aug 19, but don't know the time for sure That will be posted in the June issue of this newsletter Rest assured, however, the club will have a presence at the ANA World's Fair of Money, the granddaddy of all shows. It's worth attending, if you've never been to one

We need to get this issue printed up earlier than usual, because of several shows early in April where members have requested extra *Bugles*. I myself will be attending the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association show on April 9 or 10. (I haven't been able to confirm the date and time, and will let local members know when it's set) Please stop by and say hello if you live in the area Because of the early deadline, we aren't quite ready to announce the winner of the bar design contest. That news will be relayed to you in a separate flyer in the next several weeks, along with ordering information & options.

A note about the 'Club Store ' I found one more Baltimore crab cake round hiding in a file from that show, so it is offered here in this issue We are very low on IASAC issues for sale. If you are interested in selling your silver back to the club (it must be in good condition) please let me know

We can also use donations for this year's club auction In order for them to be listed on the Mail Bid sheet, I must have them in hand by May 1 Thanks

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter Don't forget to send in your guess for the price of silver, and be sure to reply quickly to the bar order for the Chicago show

Hope to see you at Rosemont IL this summer!

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NEW ISSUES

By Walter Thomas

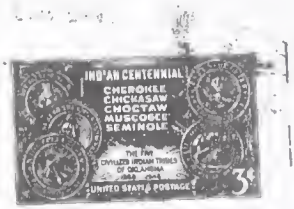
The International Coin Club of El Paso, Texas has produced limited edition medals in honor of its 48th annual coin show which was held in February, 2011. The commemorative features prominent Mexican Revolutionary General Jose Doroteo Arango Arambula, also know as Pancho Villa.
The medal was produced in silver for club members and is available to collectors in a two-medal set in antique nickel and antique bronze with a limited production of 80 sets. To check availability or for more information, call 915-873-0634 or email c.steward@worldnet.att.net with 'El Paso Medal' in the subject line.

Do you have IASAC bars/rounds you'd like to sell back to the club. We could use more items in our CLUB STORE. If interested, please email Nancy at iasacnancy@comcast.net or call 206-723-3699.

IASAC 2011 Ingot to be Announced Soon. Please watch your mail for ordering information.

DONATIONS FOR THE 2011 CLUB AUCTION are now being accepted. Please mail them by May 1 to IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118. Thank you!

Notes from Nancy's Mailbag....



In the last issue of *The Silver Bugle*, I asked members for their input on how they are handing the rising price of silver. Are you holding onto what you've got or cashing in? Here are some of the responses I received

Marlene Baker writes, " I am holding on to my silver I don't think it will hit $50.00 this year because of all the manipulation messing around of government. but hold on It will be one source of payment when our money loses the rest of its value!"

Sandi Belcher emails: "Always love reading the new *Bugle* I wanted to give you my thoughts and what we're doing as far as the price of silver and our collection Dave and I are holding on to what we have and always looking to buy more In fact when the priced heads up is when we head down to our local coin shops Usually that's when some will start selling We save as many nice ones as possible and sell the duplicates on eBay. This way we're able to add to our collection by trading I would still buy the club bar no matter the cost When silver was $18 and heading towards $20, we questioned whether we should buy But now that we look back, we're glad we did We'll continue to collect and consider selling when we get old and retire Ha!"

I've had one or two calls from local dealers who have purchased complete sets of various bars. They are holding onto them for me to take a peek before they send them off for melt - Nancy

Marion Kendrick sent a note after the Hawaii Collector's Expo held in late February, saying it might be their last Let's hope not Aloha, Marion!

Marion passed out extra copies of The Silver Bugle at the show. Mahalo!

Michael Turrini writes on behalf of the Solano Silver Round Club to say, ". any IASAC members ever traveling or visiting in the greater San Francisco (California) Bay Area during the second week of the month are welcomed to our Club's Second Thursday, opening at 6:00 PM, monthy meetings at '*Home Town Buffet, 1315 Gateway Boulevard, #D2, Gateway Shopping Plaza, Fairfield, California*. Our Club has a joint Website at www.solanocoinclub.com. **Turrini,** writing on behalf of the Vallejo Numismatic Society, would also like to remind anyone in the area of the 39th Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 9am-4pm at the Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Callaghan Lane, in east Vallejo CA

For more information he can be reached at 707-246-6327 or at EMPEROR1@juno.com

John Daino emailed to say, "I met you in Las Vegas when I joined IASAC. I just wanted to let you know that everyone I met was so nice and helpful. It was nice for a change to meet people with similar interests. I had placed an ad in the *Bugle* looking to buy older editions of the silver bar guide books. As you can imagine, I was lost without them. I am happy to say that several members came to my resuce and I was able to purchase the 1st, 4th & 5th editions at very reasonable prices. I would like to thank members Walter Thomas, Bill Haffner and Rick Colgan. Thank You for taking the time to offer me these guide books! I am enjoying looking up and learning about my bars."
John recently sent us a silver round which will be included in our annual auction at the show in Chicago. Thanks!!

*Thanks also to **Carlton Dodge** for sending a 5 oz. bronze that is beautifully sculpted on obverse and reverse. Rather than use this as a Brain Teaser prize, we'll auction it off as well. Dave Davenport has sent a silver round as well!*

Bill Haffner writes after winning a prize in the last 'Brain Teaser,' "I thank you and Carlton Dodge for donating it. I don't really do the 'Brain Teaser' for a prize. I do them for the challenge. We've had a bad winter this year. We got 18" of snow a couple weeks ago. I was snowed out. I couldn't get back home for almost a week until I hired my neighbor to shovel my driveway and walk before I could get home."
About a week later he writes, "Well, that 18" of snow we had is finally melted. Thanks to some 60 and 70 degree weather we've had. We still have March to get through. Come on spring!!!" He continues "Well, silver went over $31 yesterday. I haven't bought anything in over two months."

Robert Bongiovanni has been keeping me up-to-date on happenings with the ·
Phillies, and I keep him apprised of what's happening with the Mariners. Opening Day is just around the corner!!

Thanks to **Israel Bick** for sending this photo from the 'crew' on the bourse in Las Vegas. Doug & Phyllis put in quite a few hours, and chatted with many folks who were interested in our display.
L to R: Doug Jennings, Nancy Yee, Israel Bick & Phyllis Clamm

V. P. Corner

By Doug Jennings

Eagles, no matter what disparaging remarks Benjamin Franklin made about them, are majestic creatures. Living close to Lake Erie, I have lived through the ups and downs of the eagle population being decimated by poisonous toxins, and their rebirth to becoming a stable factor again along the shores of the Great Lakes. A few years ago, my wife said there was an eagle in the tree-line behind our house. I replied, "Yeah, right!" As usual in our household, she was right. There was an eagle and with binoculars we were really able to admire the bird closely. It flew around our lake for awhile as it dove for a few fish but came up empty, and then disappeared towards the river. I did capture some of the moments with my video camera just for proof. Now, the eagle is one of our national symbols, but to the art bar collector, it is also one of the most coveted birds because of its propensity to come in what we like to call *Eagle Nests*.

In the 5th edition of An Indexed Guide Book of Silver Art Bars, there are over 60 different bars/rounds listed for he eagle. What I have had an interest in and an enjoyment in collecting are the eagles that reside in 'nests' a k.a. boxes.

There are three different *Eagle Nests* in the guidebook. The first one, alphabetically in the book, is the Capitol Medals set on page 24. It is comprised of five eagles starting with the 3ounce "Great Eagle" (CAP-1), the 2 ounce "Double Eagle" (CAP-2), the 1ounce "Eagle" (CAP-3), the "1/2 ounce Eagle" (CAP-4), and the "1/4 ounce Eagle" (CAP-5). It comes in a blue hinged box, and is one of the few sets of *rounds* in the art *bar* book. I was fortunate enough to stumble upon it while looking for something else at the Michigan State Numismatic Society's fall show held over Thanksgiving weekend, November 29, 2008. The dealer, Brian, was apologizing for what he had to charge for the 6.75 ounces of silver and the original box…$110. Of course, at first, I thought he was nuts! He wanted $16.29 an ounce for silver, absurd. Little did he know, he had just what I was looking for and that I thought the price was reasonable for the nest of eagles. Needless to say, I made the deal.

The next sets of *Eagle Nests* are a Type 1 and Type 2 of the same obverse, but each has its own distinct reverse. This would be the Foster Company's sets on page 67 of the guidebook. You have the Type 1 which has a reverse using the 'Silver Sales, Inc.' and the Type 2 which has a reverse using 'Hercaimy Enterprises, Walla Walla, WA.' I have managed to acquire both of these sets. These sets are comprised of seven "eagles" in various weights. They are the 10 ounce "Ten Silver Eagles" (FC-7 & 7V), the 5 ounce "Five Silver Eagles (FC-9 & 9V), the 2 ½

ounce "2 ½ Fagles" (FC-6 & 6V), the 1 ounce "Flying Eagle (FC-1 & 1V), ½ ounce "Silver Eagle" (FC-8 & 8V), and the 1/3 ounce "Quarter Eagle" (FC-5 & 5V). The first set I bought, I purchased from Jim Best a.k.a. *'autips'* on eBay back on February 23, 2001. At that time, Jim was asking $200 for the set in the original box which was really pristine. (Thanks for that buy, Jim!) The Type 2 set I bought at an auction on November 10, 2007 for $325. So, for 19.25 ounces of silver, I paid $10.39 an ounce the first time, and the second time I spent $16.88 an ounce which did include a buyers' fee of 15% for the auction company. The second set, unfortunately, only has the lower half of the box. The top half is missing. (So if you have an extra top just lying around, let me know.) Who would have ever thought those prices would ever look low?

The last *Eagle Nest* I bought was fairly recently, and once again it was one of our own IASAC members that helped me discover this one. This one is especially exciting for me because it is an **enameled** set. Diane (Patricia) Eastes, a.k.a. *setsaed* on eBay had this one for sale last October. She also was kind enough to add some explanation as to why this set was so special. Here's what she wrote to describe the set. "Very rare set that I am told was designed and issued to commemorate the 1st silver Eagle's set which was issued by the Foster Company back in 1969. The SilverTowne Enameled Eagle's Nest was not a copyright infringement on Foster Company or in conjunction with The Foster Company, just a nice idea to commemorate the most historical set of all time." I tried to call SilverTowne just now, but they had already closed for the day. If I can gather any additional information on the set from the archives department, I will share it with out in the future. The set is comprised of a 10 ounce round, a 5 ounce round, a 1 ounce round and a 1 ounce bar. They have a stock reverse, but the obverse is enameled and has either SilverTowne or ST on the ribbon that the eagle is clutching. The field is gold-plated and the eagle, ribbon, arrows, stars, olive branches and national shield are hand-enameled to perfection! All I can say is, "WOW!"

In closing, I've shared what I have collected over the years in *Eagle Nests*. If you have had any experience with something I didn't mention, drop me a line or call to fill me in on what's out there that I'm missing.

Until next time, keep looking for those silver pieces that interest you.

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Winners will be chosen From correct answers Received On or Before May 5, 2011

Mail to: IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118-8415

From: _____

Congratulations to Marion Kendrick, Joseph Markulics and Peggy Conrad for their winning entries in the last contest Thanks to everyone else who played along, including John Daino, Mark Abitz, Bill Eggebrecht, Bill Haffner, Jerry G Hall, Marlene Baker, Dave Davenport and Carlton Dodge
A big round of applause to Randy Guberman for donating $100 toward club bronzes for our prizes Thanks, Randy!

The idea for this puzzle came from a book on mixed drinks. Do you have any of these in your liquor cabinet?
Lillet, kirsch, beer, campari, gin, vermouth, sherry, absinthe, pernod, bourbon, vodka, scotch, rum, brandy, whiskey, cointreau, midori, crème de menthe, chartreuse, kahlua, benedictine, grand marnier, tequila, calvados, sambuca, champagne, triple sec, port , curacao, drambuie Good Luck!

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ANA World's Fair of Money
August 16-20, 2011
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont IL 60018

Chicago-Rosemont Hotels

1. **Hyatt Regency O'Hare (Host Hotel)**
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   1-888-421-1442
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   $139 Single/Double

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   King Bed - $169 Single/Double
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4. **Double Tree Hotel O'Hare Rosemont**
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   1-888-233-9527
   $149 Single/Double

6. **InterContinental Chicago O'Hare**
   5300 North River Rd. – Rosemont IL
   1-800-341-7949
   $159 Single/Double

Call the hotel of your choice directly to make your reservations. These hotel rates are quoted by the ANA for their members. For questions, call the ANA at 719-482-9857.

FULL CIRCLE IASAC by Randy Guberman

Looking at our club logo, it is evident that it resembles the globe of the planet Earth It is a spherical body which is universal, a worldwide shape of land, sea and heavens. On our planet there are millions of marvels.

Silver! What is it? It is a white ductile, metallic element. Its uses are many and capable to undergo changes without fear of breaking. Its beauty is breathtaking and thrilling. Is that why we love it so? After all, we are silver art collectors.

How lucky for us that it is also a commodity considered as a currency standard. To all my brothers and sisters of our International club, let me say by joining hands we indeed have come full circle. When we participate together our club will remain strong. When you share a story, write about numismatics or give of yourself, you become the teacher! Please step forward and participate. Soon you will see some changes in the IASAC store. I will purchase most of the bronze club rounds and have Nancy use them as prizes for the Brain Teasers. Many of you might be a bit surprised to know that I also collect pocket knives. I also set up 9 months of the year at local flea markets. I sell a few coins, pocket knives and 250 types of million dollar bills (funny money).

I am now involved with the Toys for Tots. Shows where money is raised for less fortunate children (especially at Christmas). I am a retired union iron worker (30 years). All outside work year round with commercial buildings. I was a General Foreman and had worked on thousands of buildings in and around St. Louis vicinity over the years. My grand kids are Zachary Spiucuzza, Maddie Spicuzza and Sarah Lewis. They are all Junior Members of IASAC and write articles to participate They are 16, 13 & 9. The learning lab is our collection of hundreds of silver; older art bars and modern rounds.

Hopefully, with permission of the other officers and trustees of IASAC, I will make donations of special pocket knives for additional prizes. The steel blades are just another metal. You guys and gals can even use them as letter openers. Some other coinage for the store will be available soon. Maybe you will get a million dollar bill (funny money) with a future Bugle. They make excellent book markers. Support our club if you can with maybe an extra silver dime. quarter or half dollar. Let's keep our club interesting and fun As many of you have read, my wife of 30 years has succumbed to a long time battle with Lupus. Thank you for your prayers and sympathy cards. May your purchases be many and your mistakes be few. I'm still a buyer of silver at $34 00. "Hold on to what you own."

"Good as gold-Great is Silver"

" Collector's Passions" By Ivan L. Rash

The passion of the Collectors in the beginning brought our hobby to life and in the end saved our hobby as we see it flourishing today.

As a witness to the beginning of our hobby whether a Silver Art Bar or Round it was always about passion and love. In the early 60's Silver Bars were commodities die poured to be sold as Silver alone as a precious metal. Sometimes they were mint marked to establish their purity and reputation of the mint. It was later in the 60's when true Silver Art Bars were truly born and discovered by collectors. For me I think Foster Mint's Stamped Eagles Set in 1969 was a solid beginning. Collectors saw the potential, passions were ignited, and the true age of collectors began.

As we entered the 70's, collectors were visualizing all the possibilities and began to act. It began with collectors like Duane Spellman and Greathouse. Here the collectors took charge, they designed Bars, and found a mint to produce them. Their passion and risk took our hobby to greater heights. To me this is the Golden Age of Our Hobby. The early 70's produced wonderful works of art and created legendary Bars we all seek today. Even more it made our hobby creating passionate collectors that mints had to sit up and take notice. The collectors had created unlimited possibilities.

Then came the artificial Silver Boom created by the Hunt Brothers peaking Silver at $50 an Ounce in 1980. A tough time for the hobby. Like me and other dealers there was no way to save all the beautiful work from the melt. Even today no one knows the loss that took place. I know for myself if I received 10 Bars of the same ...I could only save maybe two or three and so it was for everyone involved.

Back in those years as the owner of ILR Silver I put out a collectors newsletter and talked to fellow collectors around the country. I must say that not a single hobbiest contacted me wanting to sell their collection..yes not even at $50 an Ounce.

In looking back I know that all these collectors as they created our hobby they also saved it! Today the Collecting of Silver Art Bars and Rounds flourishes. We have a strong Club and all can get together to share and enjoy it. I am firm in the belief that there is no other hobby like ours!

Good Bye for Now and enjoy our heritage....Ivan

"THE MISSING CORVETTE" BY BILL HAFFNER

If you are putting together the Corvette Series minted by Silver Towne, and you are missing ST-168, 1983 Corvette, then I have the solution. That was the year they moved the assembly plant from St. Louis, MO to Bowling Green, KY. There is no 1983 bar produced. That is why there is no photo available on Page 107 of the Sixth Edition Guidebook. I hope this clears up a problem for someone.

Thank you for this information, Bill. All interested members should google 1983 Corvette for more information.

No 1983 Corvettes were sold. Quality and production problems had delayed introduction of the new C4 generation so 1983 was passed over. 44 1983 cars were assembled. Some were used to sort out production details while others were assigned to engineering evaluation and crash testing. A few were part of a December 1982 press introduction at Riverside Raceway in California.

43 of the 44 1983 C4 Corvettes were destroyed. The one remaining car, number 23 (white), was retired to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green KY where it is now on display. It is still owned by GM.

Election Notice from the President

This is the call for nominations for the officers of IASAC. We know we're late this year, but we need to know ASAP if anyone is interested in running for office (President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Historian) no later than May 1 so we can publish a ballot in the June issue of the Bugle. If you have any questions, please email or call Nancy Yee at iasacnancy@comcast.net or 206-723-3699."

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Where do we go from here?

With silver at $35.28 on 3/18/11, how will this affect IASAC?

How will the loss of two junior members affect IASAC?

I was reading Larry Toomey's article in the 3/11/11 issue of Numismatic News entitled "History lost on young collectors."

A lot of what he says does not pertain to our hobby. One thing does, though, is that the kid has to give up his Xbox to have an interest in a hobby such as ours and to also participate. He also said, "I see there is a general trend of disgust, the way the hobby has gone, the way the market flamboozles collectors. Price structure, spotted merchandise, orders absolutely promised that never arrive, are offered adjustment with the adjustment being a cancellation because of 'sold out' by the market, thus ruining a grandchild's Christmas from his grandpop. Coin collecting/numismatics is in a very sad state today."

When I was a kid, I could still collect Buffalo Nickels, V Nickels, Indian pennies, Walking half dollars. Silver dollars, all dimes, quarters, and half dollars were silver, I could find about all but 7 of the wheat pennies and occasionally an older type coin. I could go to a coin dealer and find other interesting things for not a lot of premium. I was treated pretty good when I was a kid by some of the coin dealers and I always tried to give kids good deals when I had my coin shop as I remembered the way I was treated when I was young.

Now, even in our hobby, we are looking at $35 minimum for a one ounce silver round or rectangle. Am I wrong or might kids today not be able to collect many silver bars I know a lot adults who are struggling to buy the necessities of life and cannot afford to buy silver at these levels.

Bronze bars are great for an alternative to silver for the art bars but unfortunately dealers want to treat them as junk. There can never be a secondary market in rare bronze bars when dealers treat them as something worth less than recyclables.

Even without money, how are the kids going to appreciate the silver art hobby unless they are exposed through information such as The Silver Bugle?

IASAC barely breaks even on the 6 Silver Bugles that we publish for the adult dues and we lose money on Junior Memberships but we know that they are the lifeblood of our hobby

Consider gifting a child, grandchild, neighbor kid or maybe that special kid from church a Junior Membership to IASAC and hopefully we can plant seeds in the silver art hobby that will last their lifetime. Ed Lantz

PRICE OF SILVER CONTEST

Guess the price of silver at the close of business on July 15, 2011 and win a fabulous prize! Please send your entry by July 1, 2011. It must be postmarked by July 1, 2011, not July 2. You may also send your entry to iasac@live.com before the clock strikes midnight C.S.T. July 1, 2011. I will be using the bid price of silver on www.kitco.com. Please send mail entries to IASAC, P. O. Box 3987, Clarksville, TN 37043.

Name_____ _____ IASAC #_____

My guess of the price of silver is $ _____

You must be an IASAC member in good standing to win!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Please have your resumes postmarked by May 1, 2011.

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Thank You to Randy Guberman for purchasing $100 in IASAC bronzes for Brain Teaser prizes. It should keep us supplied with prizes for the remainder of the year!

DONATIONS

Jim Best	Time
Doug Jennings	Time
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Walter Thomas	Cash
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John Daino	Silver for Auction

Hi all!

I just started a new Blog and thought you might enjoy reading it. You can find it at http://computertutorne.coffeecup.com.

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Lee

IASAC member Lee De Bevoise has a CT Blog. Feel free to check it out

THE SPOUSE FROM HELL

The Spouse from Hell

A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says,' I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, Ma'am .'

The driver says, 'Gee, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60;perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating. '

Not looking up from his laptop the husband says: 'Now don't be silly, dear -- you know that this car doesn't have cruise control.'

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at her husband and snaps, 'Could you please keep your mouth shut for once !! ?'

The husband smirks and says, 'Well dear you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did or your speed would have been higher.'

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the woman glowers at her husband and says through clenched teeth, 'Darling, why can't you keep your mouth shut?'

The officer frowns and says, 'And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, Ma'am. That's an automatic $75 fine. '

The driver says, 'Yes, well, you see, officer, I had it on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my pocketbook.'

The husband says, 'Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat beltwhen you're driving.'

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to her husband and yells,

'WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT UP??'

The officer looks over at the man and asks, 'Does your wife always talk to you this way, Sir?'

"Only when she's been drinking."

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

I was reading the March, 2011 edition of *The Numismatist* and noticed that one of the eight hobby supporters that the ANA President awarded The Presidential Award to were Jim and Carrie Best. ANA Vice President Thomas Hallenbeck extended the Presidential Award at the FUN Show in January. Jim and Carrie have been actively involved in FUN for 25 years. Jim is a former Vice President and current Board Member and has been the FUNTopics Editor for the past 12 years. Carrie is the current FUN Treasurer and a past President. Jim has been a member of IASAC for 25 years and is currently serving as Trustee and has held other Officer positions including President. Carrie has also been an IASAC member for many years. Congratulations, Jim and Carrie.

Also in the March 2011 edition of *The Numismatist* was the Top ten Safest Coin Shows. The shows that we have had participation with are #3 Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Convention, #5 Florida United Numismatists Show and #8 Long beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show. Congratulations to all 3 of these great organizations.

It's all about fun. Come and join in on the IASAC Facebook Page. This is our opportunity to come together. It's here for us all; this wonder of technology that allows us to come together. As large as our club is, there should be new posts every day.

You can come and share with us...a story of your newest discovery...the adventure of finding the newest piece for your collection....what you have been seeking everywhere and can't find yet...and all those funny stories we all have in this adventure...Sharing it all together... This site is a doorway to fun, laughter and making new friends around the country and around the world...So take a moment and let us all share this together! Ivan Rash

Remember, our 26th Annual IASAC Convention will be held in conjunction with the ANA World's Fair of Money August 16-20, 2011 in Chicago. Our activities will mostly be on the Friday and Saturday. There is a lot of time to plan your schedule around this awesome show. Hope to see you there.

TREASURY UPDATE

Previous Balance 1/29/11		$9623.02

INCOME

New Memberships/Renewals	815.00
Donations	70.00
Advertising	25.00
Club Store Sales	100.00
Total Income	1010.00

EXPENSES

Printing-Dec. Silver Bugle (546)	327.60
Postage-Dec. Silver Bugle	271.28
Postage-Silver, Packets, etc.	142.76
Office Supplies	204.09
Convention Expense-Table-ANA	150.00
Dues-ANA	10.00
Total Expenses	1105.73

New Balance 3/20/11	$9527.29

International Association of Silver Art Collectors

The International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC), established in 1985, is dedicated to the silver round and art bar hobbyist, collector, dealer and producer All persons interested in this unique hobby are invited to join. The club regularly publishes its newsletter, 'The Silver Bugle," providing some of the most interesting reading for you, the member. Not only do you receive advanced notice of new rounds and bars, you may also take advantage of specials offered by the many IASAC member-dealers We also produce limited edition silver bars and rounds for our members, and feature special contests for prizes. Isn't it time for you to take advantage of the benefits available as a member of IASAC?

Yes, I would like to join the largest Silver Art Club in the world Please enroll me as a member of IASAC

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Mail to: IASAC Secretary-Treasurer at P.O. Box 3987, Clarksville TN 37043.

By accepting membership in IASAC, I agree to abide by the Bylaws of the club and to act with integrity in all business transactions.

Dues are $20 for the first year, renewals are $15/year International rates are $30 for the first year, renewals are $20/year Junior memberships/renewals, domestic or foreign, are half the posted rates